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Abstract

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The present invention relates to new salts of omeprazole and esomeprazole respectively, i.e. salts of 5-methoxy-2-[[(4-methoxy-3,5-dimethyl-2-pyridinyl)-methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole and the (S)-chantiomer thereof. More specifically, the present invention relates to alkylammonium salts of the compounds, formed by a reaction of omeprazole and esomeprazole respectively and an alkylamine with formula NR₁R₂R₃, wherein R₁ is a linear, branched, or cyclic C₁-C₁₂-alkyl group, and R₂ and R₃ are hydrogen. The present invention also relates to a process for preparing crystalline salts, a pharmaceutical preparation, and a method for treatment of gastric related disorders by administering the compound of the invention.